2007-2008, set up parks and memorials, in memory of the freedom fighters, organize suitable functions in various parts of the world with the help of Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Indian Missions, and involve Nepal, Pakistan and Bangladesh in this commemoration.

These suggestions are being examined by the Government and will be considered further by the National Implementation Committee.

Joint Efforts to combat terrorism

2933. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the joint efforts of India and USA in combating terrorism have yielded any results;

(b) whether India has actually benefited through US assistance in combating terrorism; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India face more threats due to its association with USA incombating terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) While India has the will and the capacity to combat all acts of terror within its territory, cooperation at the international level is required to deal effectively with the transnational dimensions of the problem. Accordingly, India cooperaties with a number of countries, including the USA, through Joint Working Groups on Counter -Terrorism, details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

India and US Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism has had seven meetings since its inception, the last meeting being in Washington on April 19 - 20, 2006. The Joint Working Group has coordinated efforts, *inter alia,* in the areas of:—

(i) Information Sharing;

(ii) Capacity Building;

(iii) Inter - Agency Cooperation;

(iv) Development of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

(c) India has been a target of terrorism for over two decades with support and abetment from across its borders. It would be incorrect to link this development to India's relations with countries outside the region.

Statement

Details of joint working groups on counter terrorism

Sl.No.	Name of Country	Year of setting up
1.	Egypt	1995
2.	Canada	1997
3.	Germany	1998
4.	U.K.	2000
5.	USA	2000
6.	France	2001
7.	E.U*	2001
8.	China	2002
9.	Israel	2002
10.	Kazakhstan	2002
11.	Russia	2002
12.	Croatia	2002
13.	Uzbekistan	2003
14.	Thailand	2003
15.	Turkey	2003
16.	Singapore	2003
17.	Australia	2003
18.	Tajikistan	2003
19.	BIMSTEC*	2004
20.	Mauritius	2004
21.	Indonesia	2004
22.	myanmar	2004
23.	Poland	2004
24.	Japan	2005
25.	Cambodia	2005

* Regional Groups